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## SCOTLAND YARD OFFICIALLY ENTER STAVISKY SCANDAL CASE

### HAKODATE DEATH ROLL REACHES 650

92,000 Homeless And  
460 Injured.

23,000 HOUSES DEMOLISHED  
IN CONFLAGRATION

Tokyo, To-day.

The full extent of the fire which swept the city of Hakodate, Hokkaido, on Wednesday night and yesterday morning, is revealed in a report received here from the Governor-General of Hokkaido.

He states that:

650 people are dead.

460 people are injured.

92,000 people are homeless.

23,000 houses have been destroyed.—Reuter.

The fire, which was caused by the wind blowing down a chimney and scattering the cinders from a fire round the room of a house, was fanned by a 70 m.p.h. gale. The flames quickly spread to adjoining houses, and within a few hours the power station had been destroyed, plunging the city into darkness.

All the public buildings have been destroyed, including the broadcasting station.

### NAVAL RATIO AND JAPAN.

Determined Attempt  
To Make Change.

U. S. CONCESSIONS  
UNAVAILING

Tokyo, To-day.

Arising from the London report that Japan is expected to be satisfied with the existing naval ratio in return for which the United States is amending the anti-Japanese immigration law and granting Philippines independence, the Japanese Navy Office formally declares that there is no change in Japan's determination to change the present naval ratio.—Reuter.

### NAVAL EXPANSION BILL PASSED.

Not Even Roll-Call.

Washington, To-day.

The United States Senate has passed the Naval Expansion Bill without even a roll-call. The Bill now goes to President Roosevelt.—Reuter.

### LOCAL RESIDENT PASSES.

Passenger Agent Of  
Canadian Pacific.

MR. EDWARD STONE

Mr. Edward Stone, General Passenger Agent for the Orient of The Canadian Pacific Steamship Company, passed away at the Victoria Hospital at 1.40 o'clock this morning. He was 63 years of age, and has been in hospital since October.

Mr. Stone leaves a widow, and one married daughter, Mrs. L. T. Woolley, whose husband is connected with the Hsing Sun Petroleum Co. of Yokohama. Mrs. Woolley is on her way to Hong Kong and arrived on the President Jackson at noon to-day. (Continued on Page 9)



Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

### BUSINESS CONFIDENCE IN BRITAIN

Remarkable Recovery  
Reported.

ANGLO-JAP DIFFERENCES  
NOT INSOLUBLE

London, To-day.

Everywhere there is a revival of business confidence, and recovery has set in. Great Britain more definitely and more rapidly than in any other of the great civilized countries, declared the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, when speaking at Newcastle yesterday.

Otherwise, Mr. Chamberlain did not hint at the Budget prospects.

Incidentally, he declined to believe that the differences were insoluble between the British and Japanese Empires in respect to the united sentiments, the mutual respect, and the long friendship of an old alliance.—Reuter.

### MORGENTHAU REPLIES

List Of Speculators  
Considered.

STOCK EXCHANGE BILL

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Washington, To-day.

The United States Treasury Secretary, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, yesterday stated that the Treasury is studying Senator Robinson's resolution asking for a list of silver speculators.

Mr. Morgenthau also said that "the Treasury would like to see Congress pass the Stock Exchange Regulation Bill, with its teeth."—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

### Bill Destructive And Unworkable.

WHITNEY'S AMENDMENT

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.  
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received March 23, 11.33 a.m.)

Washington, To-day.

The Chairman of the New York Stock Exchange, Mr. Whitney, yesterday told the house of Representatives that the revised Stock Exchange Bill was destructive and unworkable.

He offered an amendment, which the majority of the committee has accepted. (Continued on Page 9)

### AIR TRAGEDY SOLVED

JULY 1932  
MYSTERY  
DISCOVERED

Pan-American Air  
Liner In Snow.

FOUR PRESERVED BODIES IN  
MACHINE AND 4 BENEATH.

Buenos Aires, To-day.

The grim discovery of an aeroplane, half buried in the snow at Mendoza, with four well-preserved bodies inside and four others buried beneath, has solved the mystery of the giant Pan-American air liner, bound from Chili to the Argentine with 15 passengers aboard, which disappeared in July, 1932, while crossing the Cordilleras in a snowstorm.

A most exhaustive search was abandoned after a year.

The bodies found beneath the plane show that the passengers sought salvation by jumping out.—Reuter.

### AMERICAN LOAN TO CUBA.

Negotiations Resumed  
After Temporary Scare.

CABINET'S AGREEMENT.

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Havana, To-day.

The Cuban Cabinet has agreed to resume the negotiations for a silver loan from the American export and import bank.—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co. (Continued on Page 9)

### HOSPITAL'S RUGBY CUP FINAL

St. Mary's Record  
Big Win.

London, To-day.

St. Mary's won the Hospital's Rugby Cup Final yesterday when they beat St. Thomas' by 32 points to 7.—Reuter.

### U.S. Effort To Publicise Improving Banking Conditions

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Washington, To-day.

Administration banking officials have indicated that the Government is planning to resume the usual March call for conditions of national banks in an effort to publicise the improving banking conditions. (Continued on Page 9)



The G.O.C., Major General O. C. Borrett, accompanied by Colonel Bird, inspecting the Scottish Company at the annual inspection of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps at Murray Parade Ground yesterday.

### OBJECT OF ROYAL DEFENCE CORPS FORMATION

Soldy A Corps Of The  
Territorial Army

London, To-day.

Replying to a question regarding the Royal Defence Corps formation, of which he announced when presenting Army Estimates recently, Mr. Duff Cooper, Parliamentary Secretary to the War Office, said yesterday that this body would not be used for any purpose other than those which Territorial Army units fulfilled. It would be a corps of the Territorial Army.—British Wireless Service.

### COMMUNIST PLOT

Plan To Dope Food Of  
"Storm Troops."

ENOUGH CYANIDE POTASSIUM  
TO POISON 18,000!

Leipzig, To-day.

The Supreme Court here, yesterday arrived at a verdict in the trial of six Communists who were charged with criminal possession of enough cyanide of potassium to poison 18,000 people.

It is alleged that they planned to dope "storm troops" rations. Four men were sentenced to periods of imprisonment ranging from 15 months to three years, while two were acquitted.—Reuter.

### P.I. INDEPENDENCE BILL APPROVED.

Awaiting Roosevelt's  
Signature.

Washington, To-day.

The United States Senate has approved the Philippine Independence Bill, which has been sent to the White House for President Roosevelt's signature.—Reuter.

### POLITICAL FEARS IN SWITZERLAND

Sequel To Rejection  
Of Reform Plans.

FINANCE MINISTER RESIGNS

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Berne, To-day.

The Swiss Finance Minister, M. J. Musy, has resigned because of the refusal of the Federal Council to accept the programme of financial and economic reform, which is claimed to be necessary to keep the Swiss franc on gold.

Political quarters fear that M. Musy's decision may open a long political crisis making the protection of the franc most difficult. It is pointed out that such crises are rare in Switzerland's history.

The Swiss leaders say that the failure of M. Musy's programme may result in "disastrous consequences."—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

### BEET QUOTA IN AMERICA.

Advance On President's  
Figure Recommended.

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Washington, To-day.

Then Senate and House of Representatives advocates for sugar legislation have tentatively agreed to recommend a United States beet quota of 1,550,000 tons a year, as compared with President Roosevelt's recommendation of 1,540,000 tons.—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

### STOP PRESS

FINANCIAL CHANGES  
FOR CHINA

Shanghai, To-day.

Dr. H. H. Kung has announced that the Ministry of Finance is continuing to discuss the possibility of a loan to the Chinese Government. (Continued on Page 9)

### NEW YORK EXPERIENCES WORST RIOTING IN YEARS

Asserted Strikers Led Away  
By Racketeering Element

New York, To-day.

Following the worst rioting for many years, thousands of Police are massed in Times Square to prevent further bloodshed and vandalism. Mayor La Guardia has appealed to the rioters to desist. It is asserted that the strikers were led away by the racketeering element.—Reuter.

### OLIVE BRANCH IN CAR STRIKE

Government Committee  
Being Appointed.

EMPLOYERS DISCRIMINATING  
AGAINST UNION WORKERS

Washington, To-day.

An olive branch has been offered to the workers in the American motor industry.

The National Recovery Administration, General Hugh Johnson, indicates that the Government has planned the immediate appointment of a committee to investigate charges to the effect that employers are discriminating against union workers.

The union leaders have agreed that, while they do not want to precipitate a strike, they will insist on immediate concrete Government proposals in settling the dispute.—Reuter.

### Substantial Progress Towards Settlement.

"PLEASANT AND INTERESTING  
CONFERENCE"

Washington, To-day.

Mid-way through the conference between President Roosevelt and the labour leaders at the White House yesterday, the Secretary of the American Federation of Labour, Mr. William H. Green, emerged and stated that substantial progress towards settlement had been made at this "very pleasant and interesting conference."

President Roosevelt's merry laugh was audible outside.—Reuter.

### PACIFIC COAST STRIKE.

Longshoremen Accede  
To President's Appeal.

Washington, To-day.

The longshoremen on the Pacific Coast, who are threatening a strike of 12,000 workers over wages and closed shop issues, have acceded to President Roosevelt's urgent appeal to postpone action.—Reuter.

### ADVANCES TO AID U.S. INDUSTRY.

R.F.C. Head Advocates  
Direct Loans.

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Washington, To-day.  
Mr. James Jones, Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, stated that the Corporation directed R.F.C. loans to industry in the rebuilding of the war-torn countries. (Continued on Page 9)

### 7-YEAR-OLD LINK

PROMINENT  
BRITONS MAY  
BE INVOLVED

M. Galmot "Must  
Disappear."

DIES AFTER STAVISKY'S  
RELEASE

Paris, To-day.

France is aghast at the widespread ramifications of the Stavisky scandal. The latest evidence shows the connection of the affair with the seven-year-old murder of a Deputy at Cayenne.

Scotland Yard has entered the matter officially, and it is thought possible that prominent Britons are involved.

CANNING IN PARIS

Inspector Canning, chief of the Special Branch, has spent some days in Paris.

A letter was produced to the Enquiry Commission in Stavisky's handwriting, but the signature is missing. The letter indicates that M. Galmot, the Deputy for Guiana, having thwarted Stavisky, "must disappear." M. Galmot was poisoned at Cayenne.

It appears that he was responsible for revealing to the police in 1926 the whereabouts of Stavisky, who was about to flee from France. M. Galmot died within six months of Stavisky's release.—Reuter.

### SEQUEL TO LOCAL GALE.

Empty Sampan Found  
Drifting.

FATE OF OCCUPANTS  
UNKNOWN.

The total loss of life and property caused by Wednesday morning's gale has not yet been computed, and reports continue to come in concerning accidents to sampans and junks damaged during the sudden blow. On Wednesday evening an empty sampan was found drifting off Green Island, and was towed to Yau-mat Shipyards yesterday.

No body has been found in the water in the vicinity in which the sampan was found, and to date it is not known whether the owners fell overboard during the gale, or whether the sampan broke her moorings and drifted while they were ashore.

WEATHER FORECAST

Moderate east winds, and generally cloudy, in this forecast contained in the official weather report issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.  
A heavy rain or snow shower is expected to fall over the New Territories and the Kowloon Peninsula, and a heavy rain or snow shower is expected to fall over the New Territories and the Kowloon Peninsula.





# The WOMAN'S Page



## Nautical Note



A combination of red, white and blue is cleverly accomplished in this swimming suit, worn by Frances Drake, screen actress. With white trunks she wears a top of half white, half blue, accented with a centre anchor. The neckline of the suit is bordered with imitation rope.

## BE-RUFFLED FROCKS FOR SPRING

### Blossoming Organza & White Popular

### AIRY FABRICS PREDOMINATE

Float into popularity! Evening frocks are so soft and billowing that those wearing them seem to drift, not walk into a room. They are like breeze-blown blossoms. Don't think that the writer is getting wildly poetic, you will share the mood when you see them. All that is necessary is to watch the bubble frock glide across a dance floor to know that we are not claiming undue poetic license.

For spring and summer wear there seems to be a preponderance of airy fabric. Organza, chiffons, willow taffetas, cobweb laces. Small wonder that they are so much in evidence, they lend themselves so easily to the style that demands that skirts bell from the knees down. Ruffles are put on in tiers or cascades, or else full godets are set in to obtain the desired effect. It is nothing to learn that some twenty-five yards of material are consumed in one dress.

### Bubbling Over

Where ruffles are not set on the skirt proper there is likely to be one on the separate apron train that ties around the waist. Mainbocher started something when he launched that model at his last opening. The bubble dress, red disks on a white ground, shows how entrancing this way of hand-

## Frocks Defying The Copyist

### Distinguished Styles For Dresses

### DASHING LINES SEEN

New York. Dresses with distinguished origins, dresses by means of which designing geniuses (or do we mean designers of genius?) have defied the mark-down copyist by the creation of unapproachable intricacies and ineffable simplicities, are characterized this season by the brilliance of their ideas and the audacity with which they deal in surprises while still attaining the inevitability of correctness.

Look, for instance, at the peplum bodice by Lucile Paray, part of a frock fashioned of one of the season's revivals, alpaca. How dashing are its exuberant lines as the corsage springs wider and wider open toward the waist from the link buttons which hold it at the base of the throat, to reveal the gilet of white pique beneath.

With how flowery a daintiness the fact of the wearer rises from the corolla-like collar. And how adventurous is the belt which stops suddenly short, seizing upon a bow to justify and embellish its incompleteness.

### Lily-Like Sleeves

And then there is that tunic dress by Suzy which suddenly thinks how like it is to a cuirass and puts some fins (tucks, we suppose) over the shoulders like the steel layers of armor.

Mirande, knowing the debutante doesn't want to keep her feet on the ground, gives her wings, which she probably calls frills. And she makes sleeves which look like long petaled lilies on tapering stems.

Speaking of lilies, Lanrin twists three callas with yellow stamens above the almost high neckline of a formal black crepe dress. They lie one on the breast, and one flaring on each side of the shoulders, marble-white against the darkness.

### New Handbag Mirror.

The new mirror for handbags is square shaped, and tinted blue one side for daytime use, and yellow the other for looking at the nose by night.

ling a skirt can be. The ruffle that is about three inches wide at the waist deepens until it is nearly 20 inches deep at the back.

As important as the extra skirt is the wing ruffle set on the back of the skirt. It is like a wicket, of which the upper curve comes within about six inches of the waistline; the two ends may cascade to the floor or stoop above, losing themselves in the fullness of the skirt, as is the case with the flowered willow taffeta gown. This dress makes one think of appleblossom time. The skirt blows with the lightness of drooping petals as the wearer moves; the sleeves are clusters of petals; and the pattern on the white silk is of deep pink blossoms under which are dark blue shadows.



## Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

### TIFFIN

Herring Croquettes  
Clam Chowder  
Cauliflower au Gratin  
Custard Fritters  
Coconut Sauce

### DINNER

Rice Cream Soup  
Eggs Stuffed with Shrimps  
Cheese Ramekins  
Brussels Sprouts Salad  
Boiled Jam Roly Poly  
Apricot Sauce  
Herring Croquettes

2 salt herrings, 2 tablespoons milk, celery salt and pepper, a little flour, breadcrumbs, lemon, 8 ozs. boiled potatoes, 1 teaspoon chopped parsley, 1 egg, 3 or 4 capers. Remove all skin and bones from the fish, steam and chop it finely. Rub the potatoes through a sieve and add them to the fish with the chopped parsley, chopped capers, celery salt and pepper. Bind these together with sufficient milk to moisten them. Beat up the yolk of the egg and add small balls with help of a little flour. Brush over with the slightly beaten white of the egg and roll them in breadcrumbs. Have ready a deep saucepan of hot fat and when a faint blue smoke begins to rise put in the croquettes and fry a pale brown. Drain on soft white paper. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and garnish with cut lemon.

### Custard Fritters

2 tablespoons flour, pinch of salt, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla, frying fat, 3 eggs, stir the flour to them gradually, 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg. Frying butter. Boil the milk, beat up the eggs, stir the flour to them gradually, beat up and mix well. Add the salt and grated nutmeg. Pour on the boiled milk stirring well all the time. Add any flavouring liked, or a spoonful of brandy, and the sugar. Put all into a greased pie dish and bake in a moderate oven until set. Allow this to become cold. When cold, cut the custard into fancy shapes. Prepare some hot fat in a deep pan,

and when a faint blue smoke begins to rise, take up each piece of custard in a spoon and dip it into the frying batter and lower it into the fat. Fry until brown.

### Eggs Stuffed With Shrimps

4 hard-boiled eggs, 1 tablespoon of white sauce, parsley, cayenne, 2 doz. shrimps, 1 1/2 ozs. margarine, salt, pepper, 2 teaspoons of anchovy essence, 1 gill of anchovy sauce. Remove shells from eggs, cut each in half cross-ways. Remove yolks and cut a small piece from the pointed end of each half of the white to make it stand straight. Put the yolks into a mortar. Chop the yolks together, add the anchovy essence, margarine and white sauce by degrees. Season well. Fill up the whites of the eggs with this mixture, piling it high in the centre. Put the eggs on to a greased fireproof dish and bake them in a hot oven for about 10 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley and pour round a little anchovy sauce before serving.

### Cheese Ramekins

Prepare a paste as for cheese soufflé with the following ingredients: 2 gills of water, 2 ozs. flour, 3 eggs and 4 ozs. of Parmesan cheese. When the paste is cold, put small heaps on a buttered baking dish (using a tablespoon for this purpose) brush over with beaten egg, besprinkle with finely sliced Gruyere cheese, bake in a medium oven and serve hot.

### Brussels Sprouts Salad

Trim the outer leaves off a pint of fresh Brussels sprouts; thoroughly wash and keep in a quart of cold water with a tablespoon of salt for 30 minutes. Drain thoroughly and place in a saucepan with 2 quarts of boiling water and half a teaspoonful of salt. Cover the pan and let boil for 40 minutes; drain on a sieve, and let them stand on it in a cool place, not on the ice, until cooled off. Place them in a salad bowl, season with 4 tablespoons of salad dressing, mix well and serve.

## ORIENTAL INFLUENCE ON FASHION

### Chinese Coolie Hats For Spring

### OUTSTANDING SILHOUETTES

### Paris.

The two outstanding silhouettes evolving from spring styles shown at the openings, make a striking contrast. You can look like a picture from the Far East or like an eighteenth century figure come to life.

The first one creates a distinctly Oriental impression and often is completed by Chinese coolie hats. One house showed Chinese lantern sleeves on coolie coats.

Molyneux stresses the Japanese novelty floral prints in Oriental silhouettes which is enhanced by colourings. Such costumes are topped by shallow cartwheel and square-brimmed hats.

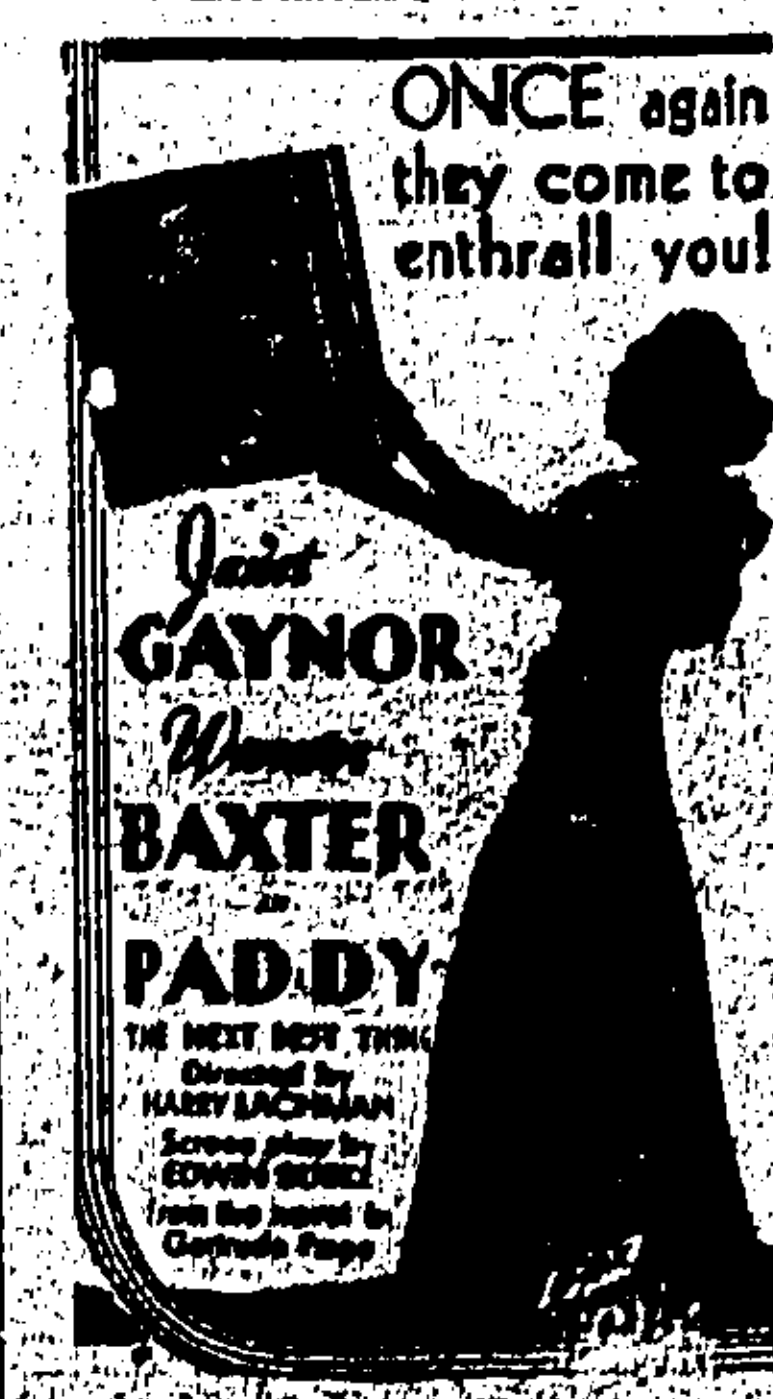
The other silhouette delves deeply into the past for its inspiration Augustabernard adopts 1880 lines for evening with much bust emphasis. Peplums and tunics are in evidence. And frilly, frothy petticoats that show and swish noiselessly when you dance are revived.

Countouriers have gone back to pre-war days, taken an idea here and there, and sewed them right into fashions for 1934. For instance, hobble skirts and cartwheel mushroom hats are revived for both day and evening wear. Feathered capes and hats contribute to the pre-war stiffness trend. Shaded ostrich plumes trim immense sleeves on some evening sleeves on some evening coats.

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## SHOWING TO-MORROW AT THE MAJESTIC

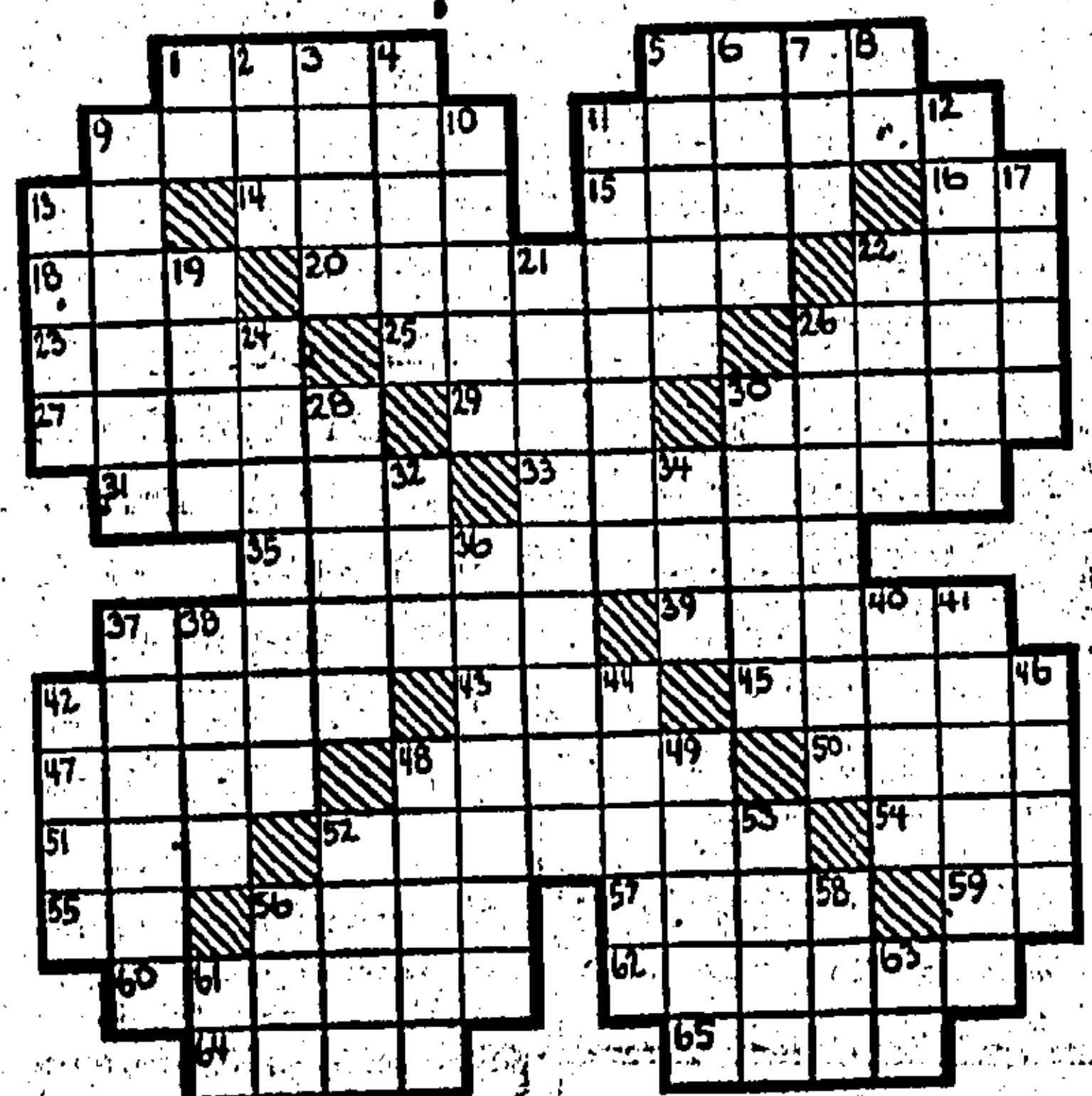


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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



### HORIZONTAL

- 1-A section of a chain
- 5-Box
- 8-Recall
- 11-Burns with a hot liquid
- 13-Point of compass (abbr.)
- 14-An entreaty
- 15-Gasp
- 16-County (abbr.)
- 18-A vehicle
- 20-Piece of jewelry
- 22-Moved rapidly
- 23-A wanderer
- 25-Darlings
- 26-Valley
- 27-Sid again
- 28-Small (Scot.)
- 30-Small particles
- 31-Dance (Obs.)
- 32-Given pleasure to
- 35-Clutinous
- 37-A guitar-like instrument (Jap.)
- 39-Worship
- 42-A sign denoting an omission (proof reading)
- 43-Coburn (abbr.)
- 45-Sultors
- 47-A beverage (pl.)
- 48-A small bay
- 50-Girl's name

### HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 51-A dance
- 52-Killars
- 54-Speak
- 55-N. Central State of U. S. (abbr.)
- 56-Anyone inheriting from a deceased person
- 57-Act
- 58-Musical note
- 59-Scatter
- 62-A Spanish title (pl.)
- 64-Aim
- 65-Stocky part of a plant

### VERTICAL

- 1-The (Fr.)
- 2-Mischievous child
- 3-River in Egypt
- 4-Work bread
- 5-Scrutinize
- 6-Agony
- 7-High (Mus.)
- 8-A thoroughfare (abbr.)
- 9-Erected
- 10-Venture
- 11-Circles
- 12-A weighing device (pl.)
- 13-Blemish
- 17-Units

### VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 19-Infant
- 21-Wildly
- 22-Grade
- 24-An ancient galley (pl.)
- 26-Sticky
- 28-To resign an appointment
- 30-Girls
- 32-Without surviving issue (Lat. abbr.)
- 34-Greek letter
- 36-Mar's name
- 37-A dish of greens and dressing
- 38-Greek god of war
- 40-Peruse
- 41-Mistakes
- 42-Covers
- 44-Litens
- 46-Satisfy
- 48-Egic poem by Homer
- 49-A large plant (pl.)
- 53-Dispatched
- 56-Holy Roman Empire (abbr.)
- 58-Female deer
- 61-A liquid measure (abbr.)
- 63-A paper measure (abbr.)

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

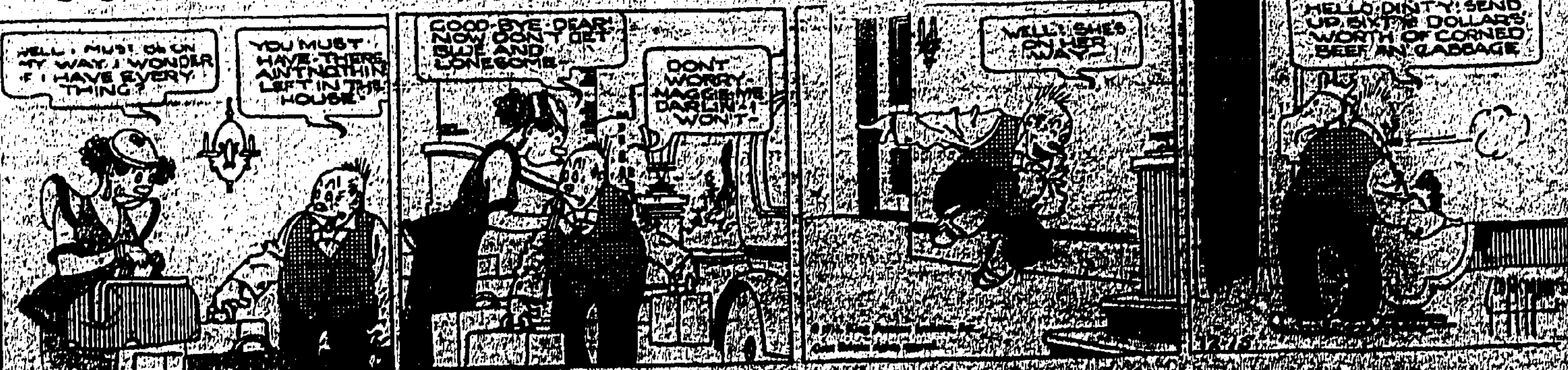
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### All Shapes And Sizes

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 26th March, 1934, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1933.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 19th to 26th March, 1934, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
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Hong Kong, 9th March, 1934.

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### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to the 27th March 1934, both days inclusive.

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## RADIO

### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wave length of 355 metres (845 K.C.'s):—

1-2 p.m.—European programme.  
1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—A relay of the Orchestra from the China Emporium Restaurant by courtesy of the Management. (During the intervals recorded music will be broadcast from the Studio).  
1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press News, etc.  
2 p.m.—Close Down.  
Recital of Gramophone Records by Mr. C. B. R. Sargent.

4.30-7.30 p.m.—Chinese recorded programme.  
7.30-10.30 p.m.—European programme.

7.30-33 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations, etc.

7.33-8 p.m.—Variety.  
8 p.m.—(Local Time and Weather Report).

Woodland Pictures—Rural Suite (Fletcher).  
The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.

Song Carnival of 1932 Stars, Desroy Somerset Band, Albert Sandier & His Orchestra with Flanagan & Allen, Carlyle Cousins, and Dan Donovan.

Octet—Moonbeams and Shadows (Squire), Melody J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.  
Vocal Duet—Moon Enchanted (Besley), The Thought Never Entered my Head (Novello).

Winnie Melville and Derek Oldham.  
Orchestral—Learn to croon, Moonstruck, The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.

Vocal Quartet—Take me Away from the River, Young and Healthy, The Four Musketeers.

Band—The Gold Diggers' Song, Sweetheart Darling, Ben Selvin & His Orchestra.  
Vocal—Billy Merson Memories, Billy Merson & Chorus.

8.35-9 p.m.—Concert Items  
Song—Chanson Indoue (Song of India) ("Sadko"—Rimsky-Korsakov), Bolero—Les Filles de Cadix ("The Maids of Cadix" (Delibes), Madame Amelita, Galli-Curci (Soprano).

Violin Solo—Rondino (Beethoven-Kreisler), Yovanovitch Bratza.  
Song—Homing (Del Riego), Still as the Night (Bohm), Derek Oldham (Tenor).

Pianoforte Solo—Navarra (Albeniz), Sevilla (Albeniz), Arthur Rubinstein.  
9.45 p.m.—From the Studio.

An 11th Recital of gramophone records by Mr. C. B. R. Sargent.  
9.45-10.05 p.m.—Pianoforte Solos.

1. Liebestraum (A Dream of Love) (Liszt).  
2. Nails—Waltz (Delibes-Dohnanyi), Wilhelm Backhaus.

3. Prelude and Fugue in C Major (Bach).  
4. Prelude and Fugue in C Minor (Bach).

Harold Samuel.  
10.5-10.25 p.m.—Selections from Opera.

Faust—Selection (Gounod, arr. Weber).  
Hercle Weber & His Orchestra.

Carmine Suite (Bizet).  
Gypsy Dance (Bizet).  
Intermezzo and Les Dragons d'Alcala (Bizet).

Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Leopold Stokowski.

Samson and Delilah—Bacchanale. (Saint-Saens).  
Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Leopold Stokowski.

10.25 p.m.—Rugby Mid-day Press News.  
10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

## BRIDGE NOTES

### A Perfect Clue

by Ely Culbertson.

The bidding on some hands tells a story which is so clear that it is possible to piece together the suit distributions of the hidden hands almost without a draw. Such a hand was dealt in a large Duplicate game not long ago, and at almost every table followed approximately the same course. Although the average caliber of the players was very high, in no instance did the Opening leader consider the situation carefully enough, and not one made the proper Opening lead.

This lapse was due chiefly to the fact that the hand which had the privilege of leading held two Aces against a Slam bid, and neither member of the bidding team had indicated a void suit by a direct bid. It seems to me, however, that a study of the inferences revealed by the nature and sequence of all the bidding should have told the story more clearly than any single bid could have done. This is the hand:

West Dealer.  
North and South vulnerable.

North:—

S.—Q 8 4 2  
H.—7 6 1  
D.—K 10 9 6 3 2  
C.—10

West:—

S.—7  
H.—J 9 3  
D.—Q 5 4  
C.—A K 8 5 4 3

East:—

S.—A K 10 6 3  
H.—K Q 10 5 2  
D.—  
C.—Q J 7

South:—

S.—J 9 5  
H.—A 8 4  
D.—A J 8 7  
C.—9 6 2

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs).

South	West	North	East
Pass	1C	Pass	2S (1)
Pass	3C	Pass	3H
Pass	3NT	Pass	6C (2)
Pass	5H (8)	Pass	6H (4)
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1—This is the ideal Forcing (Makeout). It includes four honour-tricks, support for partner's suit, and two strong suits for him to choose from in case his own is weak.

2—What a wealth of information this bid offers when studied in connection with the bidding which will follow it! East refuses to bid four no-trump, but he shows adequate support for his partner's suit, and has bid independently two suits of his own.

3—West does not wish to contract directly for a Slam, because his partner may not be void of diamonds. East's bidding has been so strong, however, that he wishes to give him

one more chance.

4—This is the bid that tells the story. When East, having denied the material for a four-no-trump bid, is still willing to contract for a Slam, he must have no losing tricks in diamonds. Only a void suit, in view of the preceding bidding, can explain this. South's card reading should now be automatic. West must hold a fairly weak hand, so that his club suit should be fairly strong to justify the Opening bid. If this is the case, and if East holds the amount of support for clubs that his strong Raise indicated, there is a very good possibility that North may hold a singleton. In any case it seems improbable that East can obtain discards for any losing diamond tricks while South controls the trump suit with his Ace, and even if North is unable to obtain a club ruff, he can take the Ace of diamonds after regaining the lead.

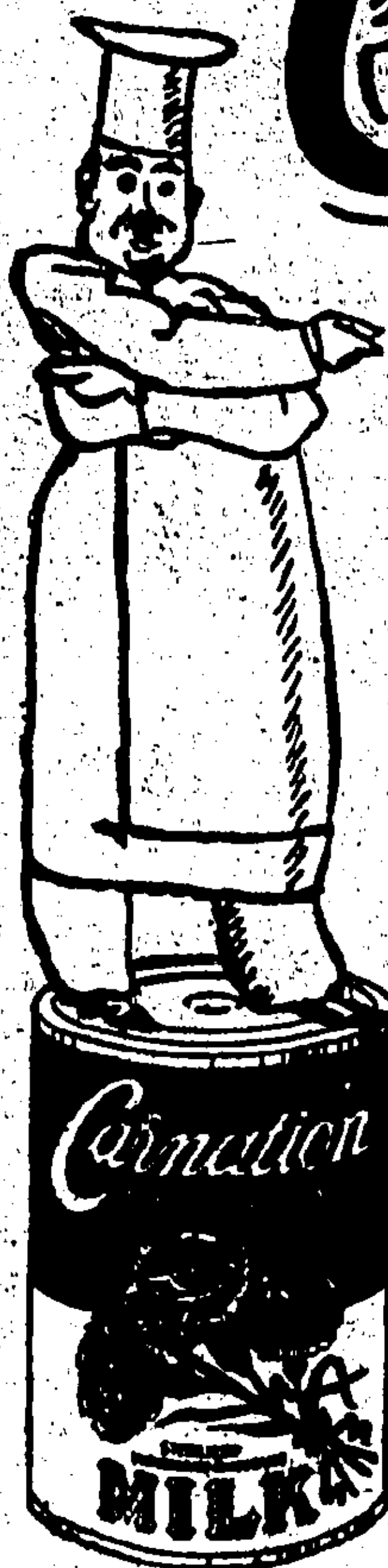
South should open a club, and when Dummy proves to have a six-card suit, North's ruff on the next round is certain, since East can have had no less than three.

It is true that as the cards lie the Slam could be made against any defense in clubs, but with other distributions of the North-South hands a heart ruff would be just as disastrous to that contract.

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## H.K. CHINESE CHORAL SOCIETY

First Concert To Be Give To-morrow

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The Hong Kong Chinese Choral Society's first concert promises to be a great success. It will be given in the Great Hall of the Hong Kong University to-morrow evening at 9 p.m.

Although the Society was only formed in January, it has already 80 members, and it is expected that a large audience will attend the opening concert.

A programme of glees, part songs, folk songs and sea chantes will be given. Miss Irene Roe, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., soprano, Miss Dora King, soprano, Mr. Oswald Lyen, violinist, Capt. O. P. Jock, baritone, and Lt. Col. C. H. Khune, D.S.O., O.B.E., accompanist, have agreed to assist the programme. Mr. J. Anderson Miller is the conductor.

The Society is under the distinguished patronage of H. E. the Governor, Sir William Peel and Lady Peel.

## WEDDING DELAYS UGANDA MAILS

Native Driver Drinks Too Many Toasts

TOOK PARTY FOR JOY-RIDE

Nairobi (East Africa)

Postal communications in Uganda were seriously disrupted for some hours because the native driver of a mail van "gate-crashed" at a wedding.

He was taking a large and important mail from Kampala to the seat of Government at Entebbe when his attention was distracted by sounds of revelry in a wayside plantation. When he investigated he found that a wedding breakfast was in progress, and very soon afterwards having toasted the health of the bride and bridegroom too heartily he lost all interest in His Majesty's Mails.

With an expansive gesture he indicated the mail van and suggested that the wedding party might like a joy-ride. Nothing loth, the natives crowded in but soon discovered the limitations of the driver, persuaded him to stop and some of them decided to walk. A few minutes later the mail van driver further embarrassed his department by crashing into a telegraph pole, bringing down all the wires and interrupting the service for some time. Making another start he eventually overturned the lorry in a ditch.

On various charges he was sent to prison for 15 months, his licence was cancelled and he is disqualified for five years from renewing it.—Reuter.

## DOCTORS BLAMED FOR DEATHS

Maternity Fatalities High In New York

New York.—Doctors were responsible for more than half the maternity deaths between 1929 and 1932, according to a report approved by the Academy of Medicine. The report figures that 40 per cent of the mothers who died in childbirth could have been saved if it charged the medical profession with the blame for the deaths. It says that in 1932, 1,000 women died in childbirth, and that in 1929, 1,100 women died.

## Paris Police Scattered By Mob.

















## H.K.V.D.C. ANNUAL INSPECTION

### G.O.C. Suggests Camp For Fortnight.

#### SMART TURN-OUT

One of the smartest parades seen for some years took place at the Murray Parade Ground yesterday afternoon when over 360 men from units of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps were inspected by G.O.C. H.E. Major-General O.C. Barrett, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

In an address following the inspection His Excellency suggested that a continuous camp for a fortnight would result in still more valuable work being done by the Corps.

The G.O.C. also made eulogistic references to the great interest Cyl. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., had shown while commanding the Corps and regretted his impending retirement.

On the arrival of General Barrett the Salute was played by the band of the South Wales Borderers which was in attendance. The G. O. C. inspected the various companies escorted by Col. Bird, Col. F. P. Nosworthy D.S.O., M.C., G.S.O.I., and Capt. F. R. L. Means, A.D.C. to the General.

The Companies were commanded as under:

No. 1 Company (Composite), consisting of the Battery, Mounted Machine Gun Troop, Engineers and Corps Signals under Capt. M. A. Johnson, M. M.

No. 2 Company (Machine Gun Company) under Capt. H. Owen Hughes.

No. 3 Company (Scottish Company and Anzac Company) commanded by Capt. H. R. Forsyth.

No. 4 Company (Portuguese Company) under Capt. S. Jarvis, M. C.

The Colours were carried by Lieut. A. S. Bates and Lieut. V. C. Branson, M. C.

At the conclusion of the Parade, Col. Bird thanked all who had attended and congratulated them on the smartness of the turn-out. He wished more would interest themselves in the Volunteers and join up.

### WONG ALLOWED TO GO FREE.

#### "American Tragedy" Case Ends.

#### CHARGE NOT PROCEEDED

It is understood that a "hollow prosecution" has been entered by the Attorney-General, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Allabaster, in respect of Wong Ma-cho, who stood his trial at the recent Criminal Sessions for the murder of Ng Lan-fun, and was remanded to the next Sessions when the jury announced that they could not arrive at a verdict.

Wong will now be allowed to go free, as the charge is not being proceeded with. He was alleged to have pushed Ng Lan-fun into the water on December 27 last. The woman was stated by eye-witnesses of the incident to have drowned, but the body was not recovered.

Mr. R. C. H. Lim, instructed by Mr. P. Sin, appeared for the prisoner and Mr. J. A. Fraser, Assistant Attorney General, prosecuted.

### CANTON'S NEW HOSPITAL.

#### Four Storey Building At \$250,000.

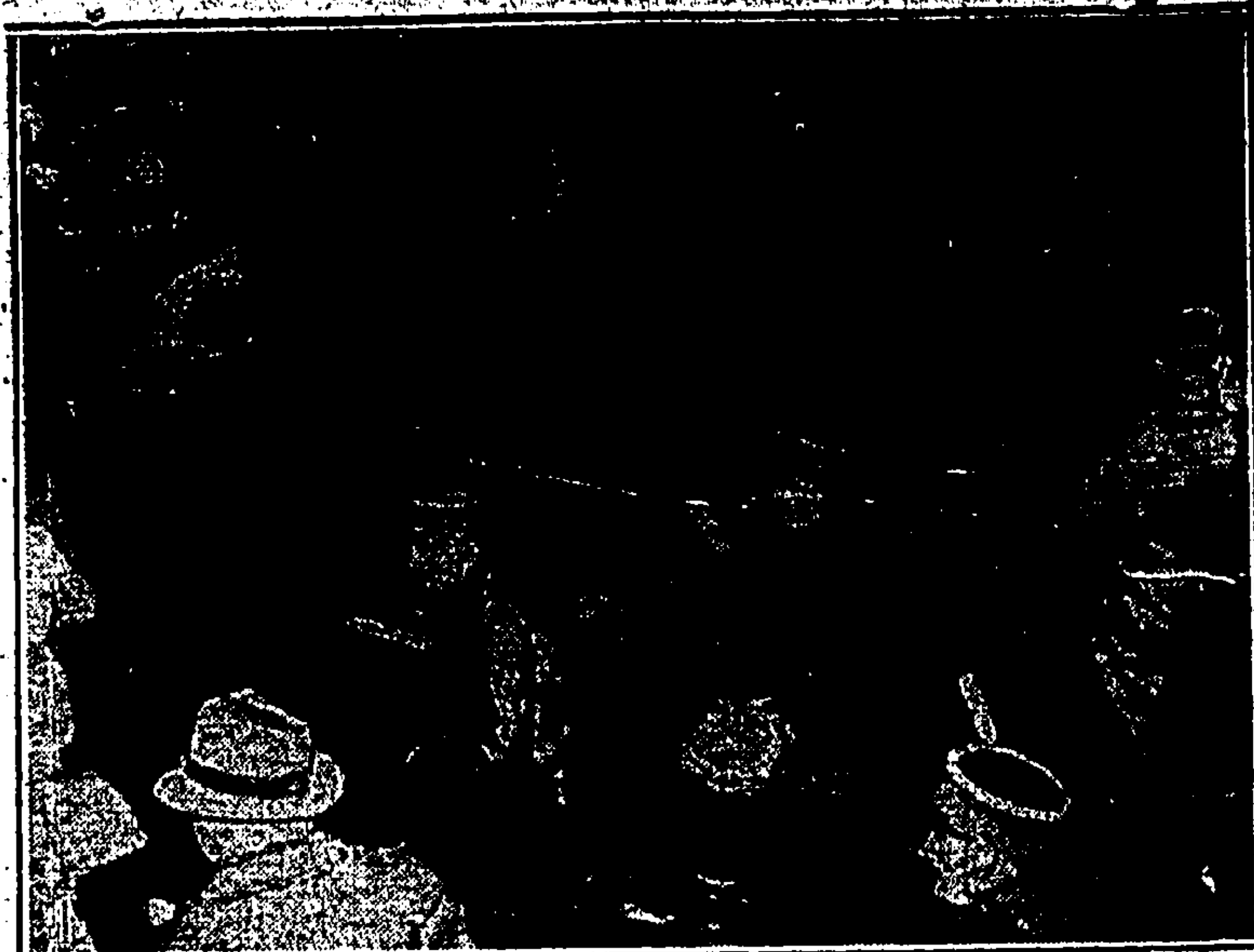
#### IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION

That a new four storey hospital building of modern construction and equipment is to be built for the Canton Hospital at an estimated cost of \$250,000, is mentioned in the annual report for the year from July 1932 to June 1933.

Since it was transferred to the Board of Directors of Lingnan University in 1930, the Hospital has taken on new life, and the past 18 months show a commendable quality as well as quantity in work accomplished.

There were more than 2,000 consultations, and nearly 1,000 operations and other cases treated during the year.

### Paris Mobs Clash With Troops



Armed with every conceivable type of weapon, rioters in Paris are here seen battling with the police and Government troops in the Place de la Concorde, during the recent disturbances which caused many hundreds of deaths.

## LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

A farewell social to the Rev. W. Walton Rogers, and Mrs. Rogers, the retiring vicar of St. Andrew's Church, will take place in the Church Hall on Monday at 9 p.m.

The Annual Dinner of the Law and Commerce Society of the Hong Kong University, will be held at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, on Saturday, April 7, at 8.30 p.m.

An interesting lecture on "Light Verse" was given by Mr. W. Kay before a large and appreciative audience at the Hong Kong University Arts Association last evening.

Three cases of small-pox, one case of diphtheria, one case of enteric fever, and five cases of meningitis were reported in the Colony during the 24 hours ended yesterday.

Lady Peel, President of the Girl Guides Association of Hong Kong, presented prizes and inspected the troops at the Annual Rally of the Girl Guides, held at the Sandilands Hut, on Wednesday.

Dr. Liu Yan-tak, driver of a private car, was fined \$10 by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning, for dangerous driving in Caine Road.

Lee Fung was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday, suffering from injuries to his leg after he had attempted to alight from a moving bus in Nathan Road.

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Branch of the Boy Scouts Association will be held in the Sandilands Hut (Girl Guides Association Headquarters), at 5.15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4. His Excellency the Governor, Chief Scout for Hong Kong, will take the chair.

Information has been received that all the candidates presented by the Central British School for the Cambridge School Certificate Examination held in December 1933 have been successful. J. Hamer was awarded Honours, and Marie Clarke and R. Jones obtained Passes.

Three houses were destroyed by a fire which broke out in So Uk Village yesterday afternoon at about 3 o'clock. The Mongkok and Kowloon Fire Brigades attended, and in half an hour had the flames under control. It was 5 p.m., however, before the blaze was totally extinguished.

Forcing their way into the House of Mr. P. Tarbuck, of the Hong Kong Electric Company, No. 5 Quarters, Ming Yuen Buildings, Shaukiwan, during the owner's absence at 8 p.m. last night, three armed robbers bound and gagged a servant, Kwan Yee, and decamped with \$120.

The Hong Kong Yacht Club, which left Hong Kong last May with a party of naval officers, is an attempt to reach the island via Panama, in order to be able to cross the Pacific Ocean and return to Hong Kong.

Firing practice will be carried out to-morrow evening from 6 p.m. to midnight from the forts at Mount Davis, Belchers, Stonecutters, Pak-shawan and Devils Peak.

Members of the Craigengower Cricket Club are reminded that the annual Married Men's Ball will be held on Easter Eve, March 31.

Amongst first-class appointments made recently by the Crown Agents for the Colonies is that of Mr. C. A. Hobbs as architect, F.W.D., Hong Kong.

The Hop Ying English Evening Free School prize day will be held on Sunday, March 25, at 3 p.m. in the School Hall. Mrs. Cock will distribute the prizes.

A child named Sing Ming, aged 1½ years, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday, suffering from head and arm injuries as a result of a fall down the stairs when being carried by his amah.

Chan Han, a letter writer, was fined \$4, in default seven days' imprisonment, by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning, for writing letters without a license in Pokfulam Road yesterday.

The following appointments have been made by the Secretary of State for the Colonies: Miss B. Gough, assistant mistress, Education Department, Hong Kong; Mr. E. B. Nelson, Assistant Superintendent of Aerodrome, Hong Kong.

An Indian Warder, Nabl, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital on Wednesday afternoon, suffering from an incised wound in the palm of his hand, which was said to have been caused when he was attacked by a prisoner at Lal-chikok Gaol.

A fine of \$10, in default 14 days' imprisonment, was imposed on Wong Shi-hung, an unemployed Chinese, by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning, for the theft of three coils of hook-wire from Chui Chau, a fish-hook-maker, at Shaukiwan yesterday.

### RHINO WRECKS A HOUSE

#### Native's Narrow Escape From Death

A native cultivating his garden dashed towards his hut for safety when he was charged by a rhinoceros.

Realising suddenly that he would be trapped in the house, the native dodged on the threshold but the rhinoceros charged on blindly through the doorway.

The animal's complete wreck of the inside of the dwelling, and then charged through the doorway into the garden.

Mr. A. J. P. The local manager of the Rhinoceros Club, who was present at the scene, stated that the animal was a female, and was about 10 years old.

### Personal Pars.

Mr. E. C. Moore is among the passengers leaving for Home on the s.s. Chitral, to-morrow.

Mr. A. E. Wood, retiring Secretary for Chinese Affairs, leaves for England on the s.s. Chitral, to-morrow.

Mrs. E. C. Norris, wife of Mr. E. C. Norris of the General Electric Company, Ltd., leaves for Home to-morrow.

Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Wynne-Jones are among the passengers leaving Home on the s.s. Chitral, to-morrow. Mr. Wynne-Jones is a cadet in the Government service.

Mr. W. J. Anderson, Superintendent of Accounts and Stores in the Public Works Department, leaves for Home on the s.s. Chitral, to-morrow, accompanied by Mrs. Anderson.

Among the passengers leaving for Home of the s.s. Chitral, to-morrow, is Mr. H. H. Scott, of the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. Mrs. Scott is branch representative (Kowloon Dock) of the Hong Kong Women's Guild and the M.C.L.

### WARSHIPS IN PORT.

#### Jap. Destroyers Leave

The following warships are in port to-day, and are berthed as follows:

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South Wall.—H. M. S. Wishart.  
East Wall.—H. M. S. Cornflower.  
West Wall.—H. M. S. Adventure.  
H. M. S. Keppel, H. M. S. Witch.  
North Arm.—H. M. S. Eagle, H. M. S. Whitshed.

Dock.—H. M. S. Bruce, H. M. S. Perseus, H. M. S. Olympus.  
Talkoo Dock.—H. M. S. Proteus.  
Cosmopolitan Dock.—H. M. S. Pandora.

No. 3 Buoy.—H. M. S. Cornwall.  
No. 7 Buoy.—H. M. S. Herald.  
No. 8 Buoy.—H. M. S. Wild Swan.

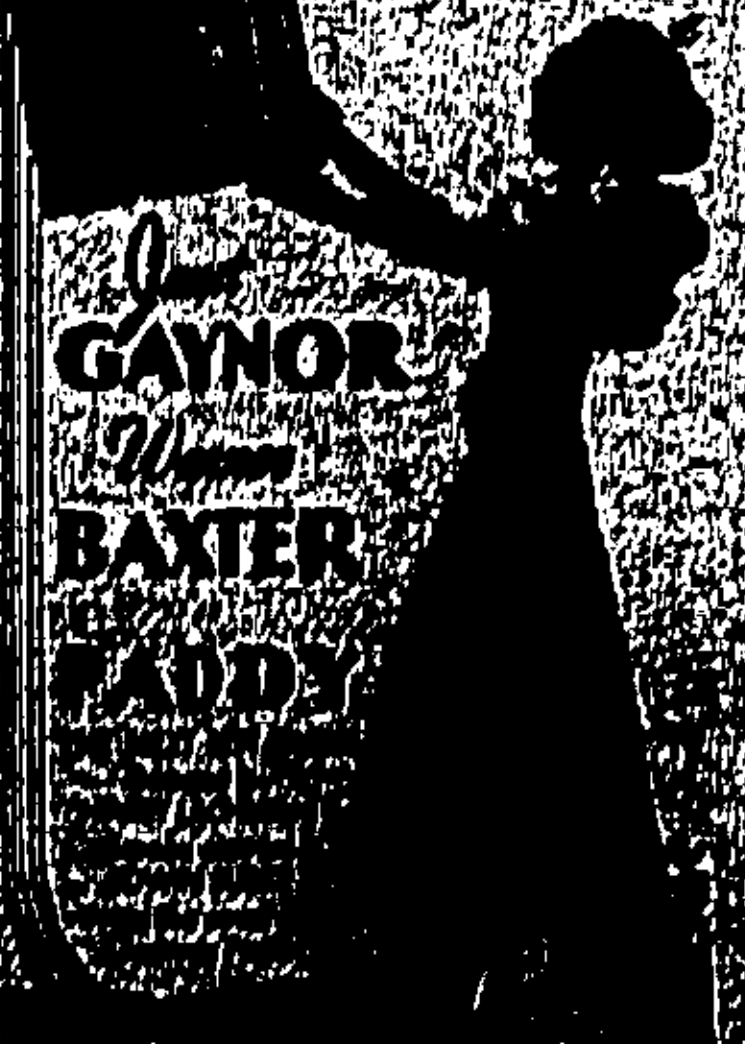
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### MAIL REVIEW

#### "HOOPLA"—KING'S THEATRE

"Hoopla" is a spectacular picture, filled with turbulent action, milling crowds, riotous colour and stirring drama. It has inspired Clara Bow to new emotional heights—more impassioned and fiery than ever. Against the kaleidoscopic background of an active carnival the "It Girl" gives the best performance of her career. She is a carnival dancer enmeshed in a love that is simple, yet strange to this magnet of men!

Preston Foster, one of the strongest personalities of the screen, has the leading masculine role opposite Miss Bow, and Richard Cromwell is seen as the youth who opens new vistas of love for her. Others in the splendid cast are Herbert Mundin, James Gleason, Minna Gombell, Roger Imhof and Florence Roberts.

### MAIL REVIEW

#### "COUNSELLOR AT LAW"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

John Barrymore has a role which admirably befits his acting powers as a clever barrister-at-law in "Counsellor at Law," Universal Pictures' latest attraction.

The supporting cast is a strong one with Doris Keyon, Onslow Stevens, Melvyn Douglas, the British actor, and Thelma Todd.

### MAIL REVIEW

#### "HOLD ME TIGHT"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

"Hold Me Tight," the new Fox picture, marks the fifth screen appearance of James Dunn and Sally Eilers as a team.

As in previous films such as "Over the Hill," "Dance Team," "Sailor's Luck" and "Bad Girl" these two clever stars give a splendid performance as two lovers. In "Hold Me Tight" they are man and wife, confronted with an unusual problem.

### MAIL REVIEW

#### "BIG EXECUTIVE"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

"Big Executive," starring Ricardo Cortez and Elitabeth Young, is a stirring drama of New York's Wall Street in a story of high finance.

In offers perhaps the most vivid picture yet filmed of those hectic days along the money lane when hundreds of money kings were stranded with hardly a clean shirt to their name.

Amid his busy hours in the Exchange, Cortez finds time to fall head over heels in love with the great-granddaughter of his chief competitor in the Street. It's a bitter dose to the old man when he finds a possible merger with alien forces, and the story reaches a climax approximating a notorious feud.

The excellent cast is ably supported by Dorothy Peterson, and Barton MacLane.

### MAIL REVIEW

#### "SAFETY LAST"—CENTRAL THEATRE

Thrills and high-class comedy are to be seen in Harold Lloyd's funniest comedy screened, "Safety Last." Although an old picture the film has been re-produced with sound and musical accompaniment making it even more entertaining.

#### "A SOUTHERN MAID"—CENTRAL THEATRE

Bebe Daniels, charming and talented star of the silent and talkie screen, who has been associated with films since the age of eight, made her British film debut in B.I.P.'s "The Song You Gave Me," and immediately on the termination of this production the company, quick to seize the opportunity starred her in their big screen version of the musical play "A Southern Maid" which is showing at the Central Theatre soon.

#### "BED OF ROSES"—CENTRAL THEATRE

In "Bed of Roses," Constance Bennett's new starring romantic drama for RKO-Radio Pictures, comes to the Central Theatre on March 28, the careers of two reform school graduates are developed through a surprising situation.

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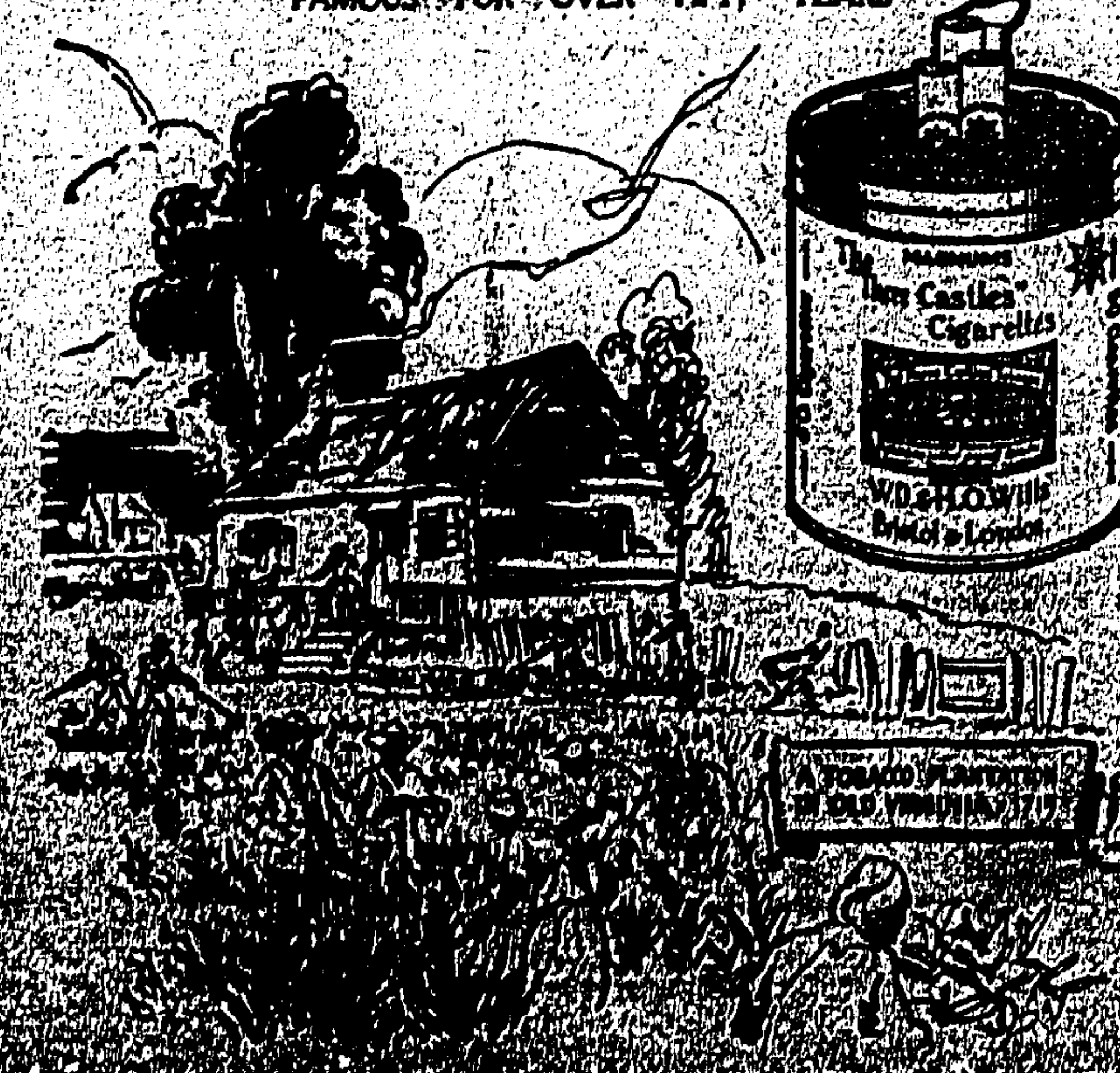
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## DEATH

STONE—On Friday, March 23,  
1934, Edward Stone, aged 64  
years. Funeral will pass the  
Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.  
No flowers by request.

## The China Mail

Hong Kong, Friday, March 23, 1934.

## Unquiet Reading.

The British Museum has just  
been tightening up its rules for  
admission to its Library, because  
of the complaints of readers  
against noise. The authorities,  
in their desire to smooth the  
path of scholarship as much  
as possible, have become more  
vigilant and exacting than be-  
fore in considering whom they  
will admit. They are handicapped  
by the wealth of their read-  
ing matter, for they now have  
some four million books; and  
people, rightly thinking that their  
relations or friends must be  
dull indeed who will not find  
something to amuse them in so  
varied a heap, often send along  
to the Library people who are in  
the way at home. But unfor-  
tunately there is a fallacy in the  
idea that, once a person has es-  
tablished a claim to be studying  
something seriously, it can be as-  
sumed that his habits will be  
those of a scholarly mouse, or  
that learning is easily pursued in  
silence. When the chase of  
truth is up, it is natural for the  
eager hunter to give whoops of  
excitement and to wriggle, twist,  
and scrape about in his chair.  
Now it is in the British Museum  
that the unfamiliar facts, long  
buried or suppressed, are un-  
earthed and brought to life; un-  
der that great dome the hunting  
ends, and it is asking a lot of  
human nature to expect it to end  
in subdued silence, without a  
single loud shout of Eureka. It  
is understandable that plodding  
scholars should resent the sud-  
den shrill exclamations of the  
guy and golly order with which  
young women pay tribute to the  
powers of accomplished novel-  
ists; and the Museum has for  
long made it difficult for the  
novel-reader to pursue her plea-  
sure at its desks. But the free-  
masonry of scholarship ought to  
extend far enough to make  
scholars smile at the noise which  
means that a fellow-scholar is  
meeting with triumph or disap-  
pointment. Reading which is  
the turning point in a life can-  
not be quite silent, and if such  
complaints continue the Museum  
should set apart a special room  
for emotional and deeply stirred  
readers. For the policy of a  
great centre of learning must be  
to encourage the quest of know-  
ledge, and that quest has its

been driven into subterranean  
silence since the custom of read-  
ing aloud, with interposed com-  
ments, faded out. Anyone who  
reads what prominent reviewers  
say about the effect of the new-  
est fiction week by week, how  
they perspire and walk up and  
down and chortle and throw up  
their legs in their armchairs and  
sit transfixed by the poi-  
gnant beauty of the characters  
described, recognizes that ap-  
preciative reading does not dif-  
fer greatly from other forms of  
physical exercise. To expect  
people to sit quite still, and not  
to make a sound, is to imply  
that all books are pretty dull  
really, and that the experience  
is not akin to watching a new  
planet swimming into one's  
familiar and homely ken.  
Nothing would do more for the  
cause of reading with the Brit-  
ish public than more frequent  
scenes in the British Museum, a  
little more abandon and eager  
and loud imparting of good news  
just brought to light. The public  
asks eagerly what the new  
books are about, and what they  
say, and waits for treats from  
the imaginations of gifted con-  
temporaries. But it is the old  
books that contain the amazing  
and unknown true stories and  
the little facts that make the  
difference; and the custodians  
of old books and manuscripts,  
the last courts of appeal on so  
many important matters, do  
their treasures scant courtesy  
in suggesting that complete self-  
control is an easy matter in  
their presence. If there were  
perspiring rooms and cooling  
rooms and coming-round rooms  
and a "sal volatile" fountain at-  
tached to the Library, then  
schoolmasters and other up-  
lifted of indolent and material-  
minded mankind would have a  
much easier task in framing  
their perorations on the great  
excellence of learning and the  
succession of splendid adven-  
tures that the scholarly life can  
be.

## More Futile Talk

The Disarmament Conference  
still lingers on, though to all  
who face the facts it must be  
clear that disarmament is a most  
dangerous dream with Europe  
in its present state. Various  
officials connected with the con-  
ference have discussed with Mr.  
Arthur Henderson, its president,  
in London the date when its di-  
latory proceedings shall be  
summed. There is a strong pub-  
lic feeling that the time has come  
to wind up this conference, and  
stop these endless discussions.  
They lead nowhere; they only  
exacerbate international ill will,  
and they aim at a result which  
seems to be a complete impos-  
sibility. It is a pity that the  
conference should have been  
called, and that it should have  
been so long in coming to a  
decision.

## HERE, THERE, and EVERYWHERE

**Carrying the Democrat**  
King Fuad of Egypt is untrou-  
bled by sensitiveness for the feel-  
ings of modern democrats.  
Ever since the Wafdists resign-  
ed from office he has been wonder-  
ing how to prevent their resump-  
tion of power. Now a royal de-  
cree has been issued, compelling  
Cabinet Ministers to take an oath  
of allegiance to the King and the  
Constitution.  
The move is clever but obvious.  
If the Wafdists accept the oath  
they will be bound by the Consti-  
tution; if they refuse they can-  
not take office. In any case, the  
semi-autocratic rule of the Palace  
will continue.  
Meanwhile the passion of the  
Royal party in Egypt for staging  
international conferences seems to  
be unsatisfied. An international  
postal congress has begun in  
Cairo.

## More Grasshoppers Come

The red locust, or *Lucusta nom-  
adica*, whose breeding grounds are  
reported to have been discovered in  
Central Africa, is at present threat-  
ening an invasion of South Africa.  
It is larger than its kinsmen, the  
desert and migratory locusts, of  
which such havoc in East Africa  
recently, and runs to two and a half  
inches in length; the name is  
derived from its beautiful red  
wings, and it will eat anything.  
Each kind of locust has its own  
particular breeding ground. The  
migratory species comes from the  
marshes south of Timbuctoo. The  
desert locust breeds on the sands of  
the Southern Sahara and Arabia,  
but only after heavy rain.

## Your Daily Smile.

**ROUND AND ROUND**  
An argument has two sides. Like  
a gramophone record, but you can  
always stop a gramophone record.

## Our Vowels

Dr. Cyril Norwood, who is going  
from Harrow to be President of St.  
John's College, Oxford, is a great  
stickler for good English.  
Two or three years ago I heard  
him at an educational function  
bemoan the common degeneration  
of the vowel "a" into "i".  
A man, he said, by way of illus-  
tration, informed a friend of his  
that he was going down to Oxford  
"Where are you staying?" asked  
the other. The reply was, "At the  
Mitre."  
"Ah," observed his friend, "Good  
old Alma Mitre."

## BELIEVE IT OR NOT

A department store in Chicago  
is so large that the proprietor  
keeps bloodhounds to track down  
customers who are lost.

## Not the Right Kind

The miserable-looking man  
shook his head sadly.  
"See that piece of land over  
there?" he said to his companion.  
"Last year I could have bought it  
for a mere song. It's now worth  
thousands of pounds."  
"I suppose you couldn't sing?"  
said his friend lightly.  
The other gazed vacantly at the  
land.  
"H'm," he sniffed, "I could sing  
all right, but I couldn't get the  
right notes."

## Facts You Did Not Know

Made of cemented carbide, a  
lathe has been constructed in Ger-  
many that weighs 150 tons and can  
handle work weighing 100 tons.  
A tray has been invented to be  
clamped below the level of the  
front of a table, to prevent counter-  
top for the convenience of children.  
Two Vienna scientists have con-  
structed a model of the human  
brain from electrically lighted  
tubes for instruction of students.  
Untrue as was the assertion of  
the "Times" politicians that the  
failure of the International Econ-  
omic Conference would mean  
general bankruptcy, the confer-  
ence failed, and so it was.  
One penny, the value of a time  
limit, was the only thing that  
saved the conference from a  
complete breakdown.  
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# DESTROYERS' DASH TO HELIGOLAND RESCUES FROM SINKING GERMAN CRUISER ADMIRAL'S WAR MEMOIRS

(By Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes.)

ON the morning of Aug. 6, 1914, the  
German Ambassador and his  
staff arrived at Harwich by  
train on their way home to Ger-  
many, following the outbreak of  
war. They embarked for the Hook  
of Holland in the Great Eastern  
Railway packet St. Petersburg.

I asked the Marine Superinten-  
dent to instruct the Captain to  
manoeuvre his ship as if he were  
passing through intricate channels  
in a minefield. I was told later  
that he played his part very real-  
istically, and greatly intrigued the  
German Naval Attaché.

On the previous night the light  
cruiser Amphion had reported  
that she was returning at about 9  
a.m. with her flotilla and about 20  
prisoners of war. But about an  
hour after she was due, a signal  
was received from Capt. Fox, of  
the Amphion, that he was in the  
Llewellyn and had important news  
to communicate. On this we could  
put only one interpretation, which  
was confirmed when the War Sig-  
nal Station reported that the flotilla  
was in sight without the Amphion.

Shortly afterwards it was re-  
ported that the destroyers had  
turned and were apparently engag-  
ing an enemy. It appeared that the  
St. Petersburg, carrying the Ger-  
man Ambassador, looked exactly  
like the Konigin Louise, and, as  
she was flying a large German  
flag, the flotilla rushed at her  
open-mouthed. This was not sur-  
prising, as they had just seen their  
captain, to whom they were de-  
voted, lose his ship on a mine laid  
by the Konigin Louise.

Luckily they were stopped in  
time by Fox, but they seriously  
alarmed the Embassy party, and  
the German flag came down like a  
rocket stick. Cayley and I went on  
board the Llewellyn, and were  
shocked to see poor Fox stagger out  
of the char-house looking horribly  
burnt and disfigured by injuries  
when the Amphion struck the  
mine, but his bearing was as gal-  
lant as ever.

**British Submarines in Action**  
On Aug. 23 our submarines, E 4,  
E 9 and D 5 returned from Helig-  
oland Bight with much informa-  
tion of great value. They were in-  
cessantly hunted by destroyers and  
made many attempts to torpedo  
their pursuers, which the latter's  
tactics and a flat calm sea defeat-  
ed.

Leir, commanding E 4, after re-  
cording the efforts of the enemy  
to destroy him, and his torpedo-  
them, laconically concluded: "After  
24 hours under, breathing nearly  
twice as quick, otherwise no dif-  
ficulty at all."  
Horton in E 9 spent eight hours  
at one stretch trying to torpedo the  
destroyers which were hunting  
him.

Herbert in D 5 sighted a four-  
funnelled cruiser screened by three  
destroyers on either bow. In spite  
of a flat calm, he pressed his at-  
tack to within 600 yards and fired  
two torpedoes, apparently missing.  
The enemy was very alert, and  
abruptly turned D 5's periscope  
within a few moments.  
Herbert was absolutely miser-  
able when he reported his failure  
to me, and told me I had better  
disgrace him. He said bitterly that  
the only excuse he could offer was  
that the enemy was not flying the  
large red flag which our target  
ships hoist when they are open to  
attack. We know now from Ger-  
man official records that the ves-  
sel was the Rostock. She reported  
that in spite of a flat calm and a  
destroyed screen, a British sub-  
marine attacked her, missed, and  
fired two torpedoes which passed  
under her.

four predecessors provided in-  
formation from which we were able  
to form a clear picture of the  
German dispositions for patrolling  
the Bight both night and day, and  
could tell approximately the time  
at which the day and night patrols  
relieved one another.

With this information I felt we  
could organise an enterprise to cut  
off the night patrols on their way  
home and day patrols on their way  
out, and generally smash up the  
look-out organisation of the Helig-  
oland Bight. Incidentally, the  
enemy's heavy vessels would be  
certain to come out to drive off our  
raiding force, and thus provide  
more satisfactory targets for our  
submarines than destroyers zig-  
zagging about at high speed.

I discussed it all with Commo-  
dore Reginald Tyrwhitt, who  
authorised me to say that he fully  
concurred in my proposals, so I  
took the paper to the Admiralty  
the same afternoon.

After some discussion it was de-  
cided to commence the sweep to  
the westward at 8 a.m. after the  
night patrols had returned, and  
when the day patrols were well out  
to seaward hunting our sub-  
marines, which would do their best  
to keep them well occupied.

**Flight Of The Cruiser Mainz**  
I went on board the destroyer  
Lurcher, which with the destroyer  
Firebrake cruised on the night of  
August 27-28 to the southward of  
Admiral Moore's battle-cruisers  
and the destroyer flotillas. On the  
morning of the 28th, after search-  
ing the area to the southward of  
the battle-cruisers for submarines,  
we proceeded towards Heligoland  
in the wake of the submarines of  
the second line, with the object of  
inducing the enemy to chase us to  
the westward.

At 12.37 p.m., when steaming at  
about thirty-two knots towards  
heavy firing which had just broken  
out ahead of me, I sighted our  
Light Cruiser Squadron, engaged  
with a light cruiser which turned  
out to be the Mainz. As she ap-  
peared to have struck, and had a  
British cruiser standing by her, I  
stood on towards heavy firing to  
the N.E., but in crossing the track  
of the Mainz, nearly a mile astern  
of her, we sighted in her wake a  
number of Germans supported by  
torpedoes or hammocks, so I order-  
ed the Lurcher and Firebrake to  
stop and pick them up. Later I  
gave orders to the commander of  
the Lurcher to lay her alongside  
the Mainz.

When we were about 100 yards  
off, and obviously about to come  
alongside, some officers ran to her  
starboard after gun, and swung it  
round directly on to the Lurcher's  
bridge. Tomkinson remarked quite  
quiescently: "They are going to fire at  
us."

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## NUDISM DECLARED HARMFUL Cause Of Premature Wrinkling.

## DOCTOR'S GRAVE WARNING

Chicago.  
Dr. Carl Loeb, President  
of the International Blothe-  
raphy Association, speaking  
at the organization's conven-  
tion, has issued a warning to  
nudists.  
"Sunlight," he said, "has the  
same effect on the body as on  
the top of a car. It causes de-  
hydration and premature wrin-  
kling."  
The nudists are victims of a  
mistaken idea, for, by increasing  
the speed of metabolism, and  
consequently of living, their ad-  
dition to sunlight causes the  
body to age more rapidly.  
He suggested that the sun-  
light should be taken in mod-  
eration, by wearing some clothing  
or "sunburn" ointment.



## ANGLO-POLISH TRADE

Bright Prospects Of Agreement.

### SATISFACTORY CONTRACTS

London, To-day. Members of the United Kingdom Trade Mission which, under the chairmanship of Sir Eugene Ramsden, recently visited Poland, believe that their conversations of Polish industries will facilitate the conclusion of a trade agreement to the benefit of both countries. They express much satisfaction with the contacts made, and point out that when the industries of both countries are agreed on the possibilities of the increased trade, the task of the Government becomes much easier.—British Wireless Service.

## TRAIN SMASH IN NATAL

Engine And Coaches Roll Down Hill.

### SIX PEOPLE KILLED

Durban (Natal). The worst train disaster in Natal for many years took place recently on the Franklin side of Donnybrook station in the early hours of the morning. The engine driver and five natives were killed. The engine of the night mail train from Maritzburg to East Griqualand left the rails at a bend and rolled down the hillside, followed by six coaches. The train contained 200 passengers, half of whom were Europeans on their way to spend Christmas in East Griqualand and Pondoland. The cause of the accident is being investigated but so far remains a mystery. No theory is possible until a special inquiry is held as to what caused the front part of the engine to leave the rails. Suggestions of the possibility of foul play are discounted, as on first examination by railway officials, nothing to support such a theory was found.—Reuter.

## IRON DISCIPLINE FOR M.P.'S

Programme Drafted By French Journal.

### INCENTIVE TO HONESTY

Paris. A regime of iron discipline for French Deputies and Senators is suggested by Mr. Pierre Audiat, in an article in the evening paper, *Paris-Midi*. After referring to the Slavsky scandal, he submitted the following "programme" for keeping French legislators along the "straight and narrow path":—  
7 a.m. Revellie.  
7.30-8 a.m. Physical "jerks."  
8.15 a.m. Breakfast.  
8.30-11.30 a.m. Parliamentary work.  
11.30-12.30 a.m. Recreation—under supervision.  
12.30-1.30 p.m. "Lunch Parade."  
1.30-2 p.m. Walk—with escort.  
2 p.m.-5 p.m. Work—by classes.  
5 p.m. Break.  
5.30 p.m.-7 p.m. More Work.  
7.30 p.m. Dinner.  
9 p.m. "Lights Out."  
All the Deputies and Senators would sleep in special dormitories. Applications for "short leave" would be accompanied by a guarantee of good behaviour and a cash deposit.—Reuter.

## THE OLDEST MISER PASSES

Hoard Stored In Match Boxes

Lisbon. The oldest miser in Portugal has died, at the age of 103. His name was Joaquim Peix, of Volros de Alonogo, and the left his hoard packed in match boxes. Hundreds of boxes were crammed with silver coins dated from 1804, and covering the reigns of four kings—Pedro V, Luis Carlos and Manuel II. Other matchboxes were filled with old currency notes long since withdrawn from circulation.—Reuter.

## GOLFER KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Steel-Shafted Club As Conductor.

### TRANSVAAL TRAGEDY

Johannesburg (Transvaal). A steel-shafted brassie with marks as of fire down the length of the shaft was produced at the inquest in the Germiston Magistrate's Court on James Reid Thornton (37) who was killed by lightning on the Germiston golf course.

The club showed signs of burning from the top of the shaft to the bottom. Thornton's shoes were also produced. The toe of the right was found to be split open.

Medical evidence was given that the golfer must have been struck squarely on the back of the head by the lightning flash. Thornton's partner said that when Thornton left the tenth tee he had a steel-shafted brassie in his hand. The lightning flash occurred a few moments after.

A verdict of death due to a lightning stroke was returned.—Reuter.

## DESERTED WIFE 61 TIMES

Then Claims Divorce For Cruelty

Chicago. The allegation was made in a divorce petition that Patrick Linton left his wife Mary 61 times since they were married permitted him to come back and be reconciled. Mrs. Linton, however, was not the plaintiff. It was Patrick who brought the petition, charging his wife with cruelty.—Reuter.

## CAT SETS HOUSE ON FIRE

Spills Oil Lamp In Frantic Struggle

Budapest. A cat tried to drink milk out of a jug. Its head became caught, and in its frantic efforts to free itself the cat upset an oil lamp, and so started the fire. After the fire, the cat was found still with the jug over its head—unhurt.—Reuter.

With a view to preventing smuggling, the Chinese Maritime Customs has decided to establish a number of outposts along the sea coast. In North China, outposts will be established at Chinwangtao, Miaotao, Weihaiwei and Shihiao, while in Fukien stations will be established at Tungshan and Kwangyangao.

## SOVIET COUPLE LEAVE H.K.

Kamari Passengers On Empress.

### BROUGHT DOWN BY TUG.

Mr. M. L. Granat and Miss A. Leonava, the two Russian passengers who were brought to Hong Kong yesterday by the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Company's tug, Henry Keswick, left for Shanghai on board the Empress of Russia last night.

When it was known that the Kamari would be standing by her stricken sister ship, the Kuznetsov, on Pratas Island for an indefinite period, arrangements were made for the two passengers to pass through the Colony, although they had not the correct visas to permit them to land here in the ordinary course of events.

## MR. RONALD TRUE'S FAREWELL

"Cochrane Throw-Outs Of 1933" On Monday.

Mr. Ronald True, the well-known local musician, will appear in his farewell concert at the Royal Naval Canteen Theatre, Wanchai, on Monday at 8 p.m. when "Cochrane Throw-outs of 1933" will be presented. The reserved seats are \$2 and \$1, while the unreserved seats will be 50 cents.

## RUMANIAN PLANES ON MASS FLIGHT.

Expected To Visit Cape Town.

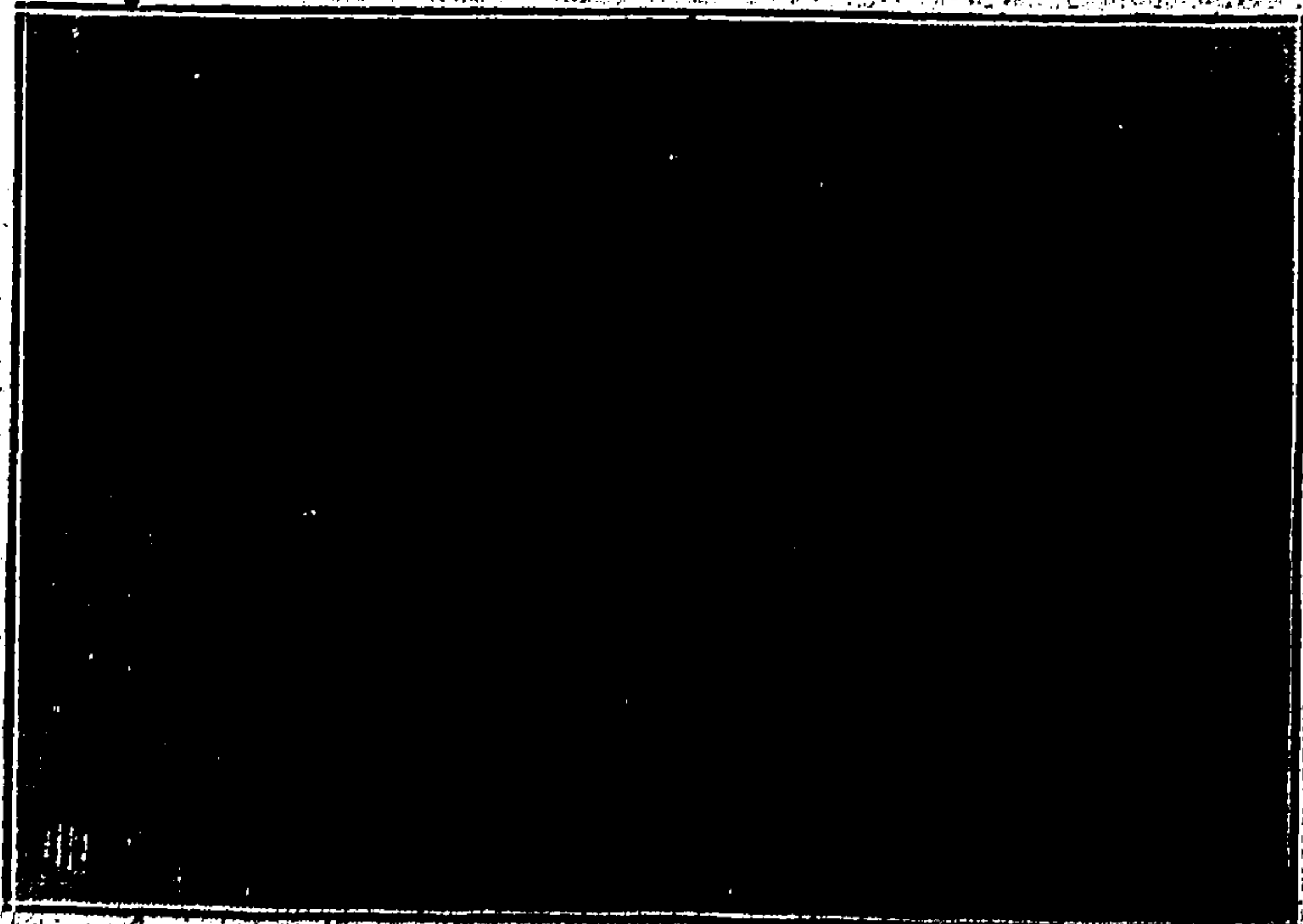
Cape Town. Three Rumanian army aeroplanes will shortly visit Cape Town. The date of their arrival is not yet known, but they are understood to be somewhere south of Cairo at the moment. The machines are light monoplanes of the Messerschmitt type. Their engines are 80.95 horsepower Siemens. The planes are piloted by three military officers—Major Cernescu, Captain Pantazi, and Captain Davidescu. Each has a mechanic aboard. They left Bucharest and are following the Imperial Airways route southwards and back. French, Italian, Danish, Swiss and British machines have visited Cape Town in the past. This will be first flight made by Rumanian planes.—Reuter.

## AMERICAN LOAN TO CUBA

(Continued from Page 1)

It was revealed on Tuesday that the Cuban Finance Minister, Senor Sawn, had been recalled from Washington due to fears that the circulation of large amounts of silver would depreciate the silver peso. The Cuban Government hesitates to conclude the negotiations for a silver loan through the newly established export and import bank until it was assured that the loan would not depreciate currency.

## Frenzied Fight To Save Ministry



Unable to get the Chamber of Deputies to grant a vote of confidence, the Ministry of Marine Building, the scene of the fight.

To-day's Short Story.

## CONVERSION

By Phyllis Bentley.

WHEN I read Peregrine Willard's new novel I must confess I was surprised.

Young Peregrine's literary reputation, though rather of the precious kind, was by no means to be sneered at. He has always been spoken of as "the brilliant" rather than as "a rising" young novelist, and you must agree the difference is considerable. Then he is tall and rather broodingly dark, which helps; and he wears a fine black beard. He is, too—or was before this last book of his—the darling of a certain clique by no means stupid literary clique.

He can write, you know; he is well reviewed, always in the intelligent and sometimes even in popular papers. But in these latter journals his reviewers have been wont to lament his one-sided, his unbalanced, view of life, for Peregrine belongs—or belonged before this last book—to the every-prospect-pleases-but-manifestly school of thought. It was his habit to write little masterpieces, brief, beautiful, but bitter books showing, with real power and in lovely English, the general repulsiveness of humanity, how little hope there is for it and how much meanness occurs in even its best specimens; all this against an exquisitely painted background.

His latest novel, the one of which I began by speaking, opened in the same way, inducing in the reader a contempt (according to Peregrine, of course, a salutary contempt) for everybody and making one suspect every butcher's boy and tram conductor (perhaps justly) of the darkest sexual perversions.

And then in the middle there was a sudden change. It was not that Peregrine dimmed his former piercing insight by donning rose-coloured spectacles; his vision was just as unblinking, his descriptions as sardonically accurate as ever; but a note of hope seemed somehow to creep into his account of what he saw. It was as though, mixed up with all the villainies and meanness, the filth, the egoistic

motive, which Peregrine saw so abundantly about him, he had discovered one or two—I won't say one or two white flowers of blameless lives, for that would be going altogether too far: where could one hope to find a life blameless throughout?—but one or two generous impulses, one or two motives and actions which deserved respect.

To my mind his work gained immeasurably from this realisation on the writer's part that there are two elements in human nature, two motives in life, of which self is only one. Inextricably mingled these elements may be, but their relative value may be, but two there are in each human being; and to deny this in favour of either element, or romantically to allot one element to one person and another to another in the old hero-villain style, is to deny an eternal truth, shirk the real problem of life, and—to descend to a lower level—prevent oneself from achieving first rank in any art.

I reviewed Peregrine's book on these lines at some length, and amused myself by pointing out the precise page on which I imagined I had discovered the changes in his philosophy to have taken place.

The morning the notice appeared he rang me up. "You're a better critic than I thought," he began.

"Thank you for nothing," I said, not too pleased.

"You've more penetration than I gave you credit for," he went on, with a note in his voice, as though he believed himself to be saying something handsome, which I admit annoyed me.

"That doesn't do your penetration much credit," said I.

"What? Oh, I see," he said, and laughed. "Well," he paused. I thought I saw that he had rung me up to talk, not about my criticism, but about his novel.

"Your changed point of view—is there a story behind it, as journalists say?" I asked.

"More and more penetration," he replied. "There is."

"Then come round and tell me at once," I said. "It's the only apology I shall accept for your disparaging remarks on my critical powers."

He laughed and rang off without replying; but an hour or two later turned up for lunch, and after a display of diffidence which surprised me in such a very sophisticated (and very brilliant) young novelist, gave me an account of the whole affair.

It appeared that it became necessary, in the course of his novel, for his heroine to undergo a peculiarly shattering, hardening, disillusioning experience of some kind. As a matter of fact, said Peregrine, the whole novel had been planned and begun in order to give him the opportunity of describing a certain love-affair which he had in mind, as this hardening and disillusioning experience; but when he came to the point of writing it, the love affair in question wouldn't fit into the novel at all. I laughed a little at this; and Peregrine, after a scowl or two, laughed as well.

"Well, you know how it is," he said with an apologetic air, I agreed feelingly that I knew very well. So some other hardening, etc., experience had to be thought out. Peregrine tried one or two—of course these were laboratory secrets—but they did not work out to his satisfaction; so eventually he decided to be very subtle and seething about it, and harden his heroine by merely exposing her to the devastating glare of some typical scene of English life.

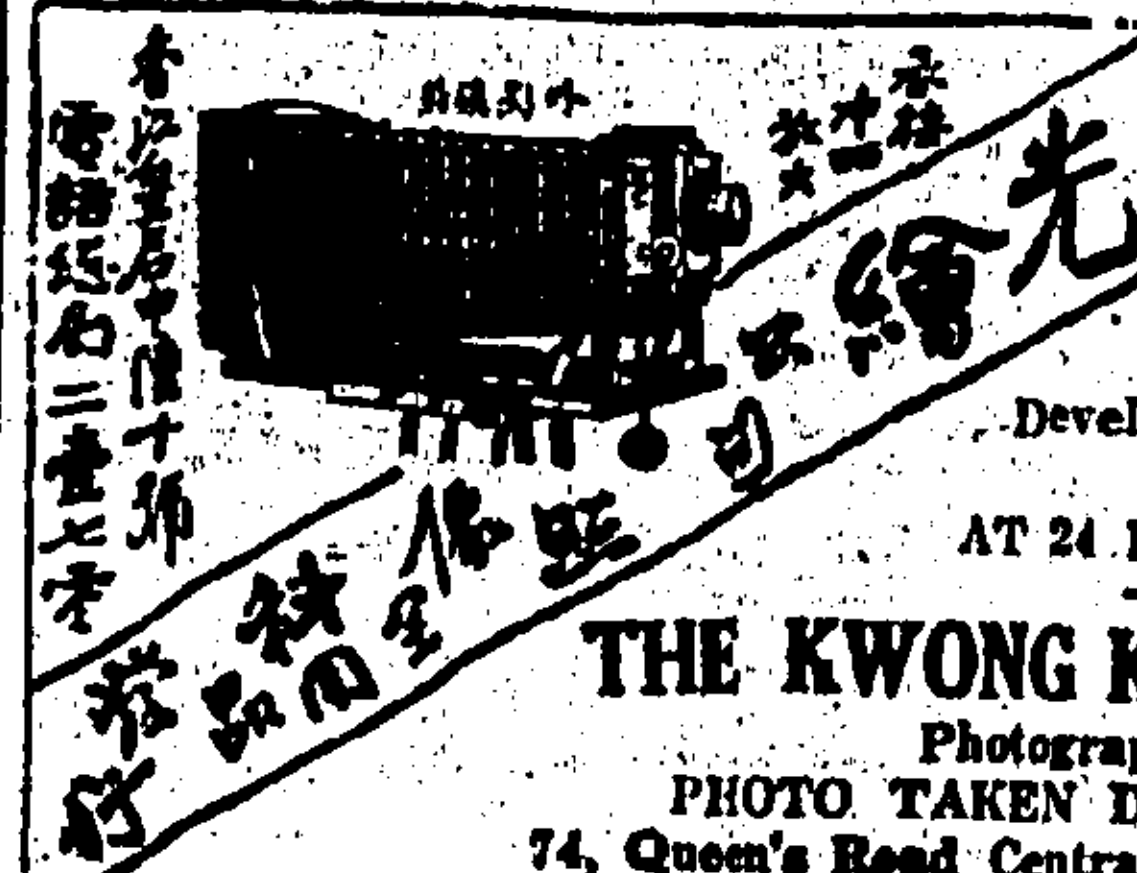
Eventually he hit upon the original, and possibly rather clever notion of choosing an ordinary popular seaside resort for this diary scene, and, without saying anything to anybody, wrote himself into the luncheon room of the hotel.

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From the first the place surpassed his expectations. He chose lodgings in a back street, with lace curtains, drawn very close, and a suitable number of apsidistras. The meals alone, he said, would have embittered the life of any young woman fit to be a heroine of his, but if they were not enough, across the road was a sort of stable-cum-garage, the proprietor of which was peculiarly disillusioning.

The man was a great fat lump of flesh, with a very red face, curly grey hair—somehow its curliness was quite obscene, said Peregrine, "and you needn't suspect me of trying to work the adjective in, I assure you"—and some defect in the formation of his huge red lips—which made his speech a slobbering horror. Glad in an old tweed Norfolk jacket, stained khaki breeches, cycling stockings and filthy white tennis shoes, this monstrosity was always stamping about his yard, shouting and swearing at his unfortunate mechanics, and browbeating the more timid of his customers.

Peregrine he promptly cheated of half a crown of his change, besides giving him an oll inferior to the one he paid for. "Very good," said Peregrine to himself, crossing to his rooms after leaving his car at this garage; very good indeed. Just what I want, in fact."

He tried to arrange for a sitting-room which should overlook the garage, failed of this, but secured a bedroom with a garage view, and ambling contentedly, went out to view the beach.

This, too, was just what he wanted. He prowled up and down amid—as he said; I should have taken a different view—the crowd, the noise and the mess of a typical English foreshore, observing the ice-cream carts and the oyster stalls with a sardonic eye, and occasionally retreating behind a bathing-van to make a quiet note or two in an old red pocket book.

(For Peregrine was not a poseur, you know; at least, not much of one; he did not want people to know he was a writer).

The sticky children who grew red in the face with quarrelling over a spade, the grandmammas who enjoyed their oysters in unbecomingly fashionable, the husbands who had come out of the bar perhaps hardly soon enough—Peregrine saw them all; and he noticed with especial glee the silly antics of the screaming, giggling bathers. Yes, upon the whole he was very well satisfied with Ignotus-on-Sea; it was delightfully inferior. And then, suddenly, he discovered its crowning imbecility—the circus.

At first he did not know what it was when, in a rather deserted corner of the shore, he came upon a score or so of empty deck-chairs arranged in a circle round some small wooden objects like inverted plantpots. What on earth is all this, thought Peregrine, looking about him; and seeing no answer to his question, after a little hesitation drew back one of the rickety chairs and sat down. Immediately there appeared from behind a nearby van a painted old bag.

"I winced."

"Well, she was a painted old bag," Peregrine defended himself. "Blowzy and crumpled, with untidy peroxide hair, clad in a dirty mauve dress which was much too tight for her."

"Peregrine, I don't want to hear all these horrors," I cried.

"You must," said Peregrine, setting his jaw grimly, "or you won't see the point of the story. Besides, what's the use of pretending such people don't exist? They do."

"I sighed. "Go on," I said resignedly.

The bag, writhing her painted face into smiles in Peregrine's direction, clasped her hands so that her bracelets jingled, and out came two dirty little ragamuffins, tattered, shaggy, with torn rashes round their waists, and

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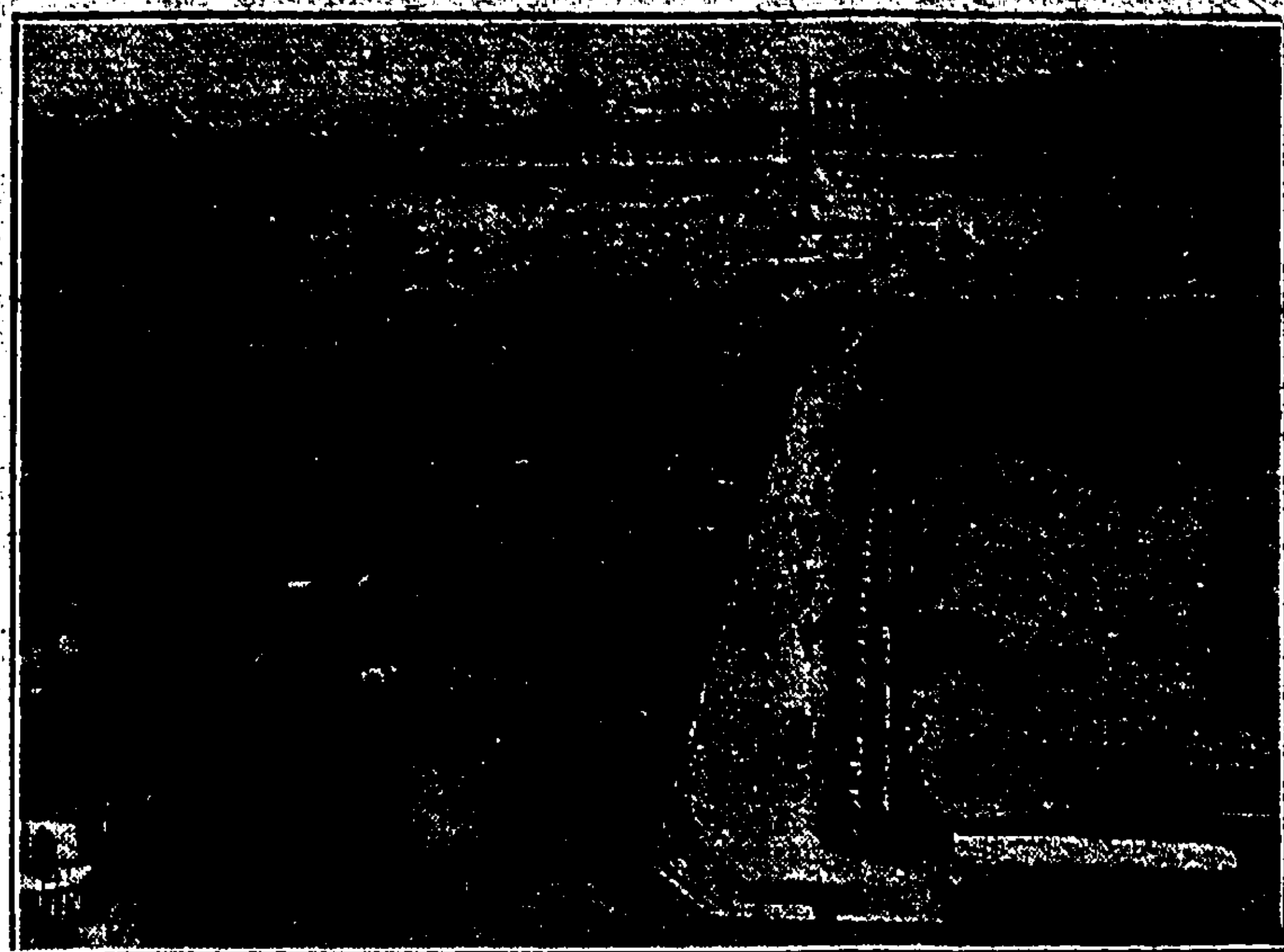
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## CONVERSION (Continued from Page 10)

The horse informed Peregrine that one and one are two, and two and two four, and then retired gratefully to its shade behind the van. The children re-emerged, and did a dance, the feebleness of which had to be seen to be believed, said Peregrine. Then came the piece de resistance the star turn of the affair.

The hag tripped into the ring followed by five small dogs. There was an old white terrier, short-sighted but sagacious; a smooth black dog in a red coat, a brown "pom" with a huge green bow, and two young white mongrel dogs of a ferrierish breed, who careered about, upset the other dogs, declined to walk on their hind legs or jump sticks or remain perched on their boxes or do anything that the hag wished them to do—which, said Peregrine, vexed her greatly, so that she screamed at them and struck at them with her switch. Peregrine now found the she-child beside him, proffering a filthy cap; he put in a coin and walked away, feeling that his new novel was going to be splendid.

"Was that all you felt?" I inquired. Peregrine gave me a quick glance. "Oh, no," he said airily. "I thought also that this unpleasant, this repulsive ensemble was what circus life really is. I thought I should like to show the people who write novels about circus life, all footlights and romance and glamour, this particular circus. 'Quaint poetry, and real romance of war, you know.'"

"I know," I said. "But—"

"Also," continued Peregrine: "I felt confirmed in my view of the innate repulsiveness of human life."

"Did you, indeed?" I said. "Yes," said Peregrine firmly. "I did."

And he continued to feel thus confirmed for several days, during which the novel progressed simply admirably. He got up late, while he dressed observed the garage proprietor's horrid rages, then worked hard most of the day; in the evening he went down to the shore, and having watched a performance of the circus, returned to his rooms and wrote most of the night.

His two stimuli never failed him; they roused him to hate and scorn of the human race twice a day as punctually as clockwork. And then one day—

"Well?" I said. Peregrine shuffled his feet about. "Come, no shirking," said I. Well! It appeared that one afternoon the divine infatuation kept him working beyond the appointed hour, and by the time he reached the shore the circus was slowly leaving it. He was feeling rather stale and very much in need of stimulation, and the thought of having to do without the circus provoked him. So, much did it provoke him, apparently, that he presently found himself following the wretched little cortege along the streets.

The hag led the horse, upon which were perched the little women, and the old white dog; the children trailed miserably behind the horse, their bodies swaying and their feet and hands being unceasingly active, sometimes running at the horse, sometimes at the women, and sometimes at the children.

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critic, aren't you?" "Sometimes," said I. "Pray don't imagine," protested Peregrine earnestly, "that since that little episode, I'm inclined to take a romantic view of life. I still don't like soured porridge and tight mauve dresses, and I don't like heavily little circuses with wretched animals. I like the men who shout and cheer, and when those things are there, I can't help seeing them. But now I can see something else as well."

"You may see Parnassus some day," I murmured. "Oh, don't let's get romantic about it," protested Peregrine.

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## DESTROYERS' DASH TO HELIGOLAND

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When the Lurcher went alongside the Mainz there were still over 200 Germans on board. About 80 of these, who were very badly wounded, were carried on board the Lurcher, and when they had all been transported, about 150 unwounded clambered on board. The Mainz by this time was slowly listing to port; her starboard propeller could be clearly seen projecting under the Lurcher, and I was anxious to clear out as soon as possible, as I feared she might capsize rapidly in the end.

The rescue work was practically completed, and there seemed to be only three people left alive on board, when the Mainz suddenly capsized to port and sank, her starboard propeller narrowly missing the Lurcher as we went full speed astern.

A man aloft, and an officer on the forecastle (I think he was Tirpitz, the son of the Admiral) who were cut off from the Lurcher by the fire in the water, and a young officer on the port side went down with her. The last named had been very active in directing the transport of the wounded, and only a few seconds before the Mainz capsized I told him he had done splendidly. There was nothing more he could do, we must clear out, he must come up here, and held out my hand to him. He jumped on board.

He drew himself up stiffly, saluted, and said: "Thank you, sir. I think all three of us picked up by the Lurcher. Well, I have no particular to say, sir, except that the young officer on the port side, whose sinking was so

mirable.

In the meantime, the battle cruisers had sunk the German light cruisers Kohn and Ariadne, and we knew now that but for the low visibility, the Stettin, Stralsund, Kolberg, and Danzig might well have shared a like fate.

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